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HUNS DEFEATED IN OPEN FIGHT WITH CANADIANS AT LENS

Prince Rupprecht's Army Runs For Cover After 15-Minute Battle

STORM BUFFETS MAKURA

Big Union Liner Flounders
About for Three Days in
Fight With Terrific Gale,
Which Extinguished Her
Fires and Nearly Swamped
Vessel

FOUNDERING helplessly for 12 hours in an 80-mile gale, dangerously near the New Zealand coast and with her engines useless because of the flames in her engine room, the Union liner Makura was nearly wrecked the first day out from Auckland on this voyage.

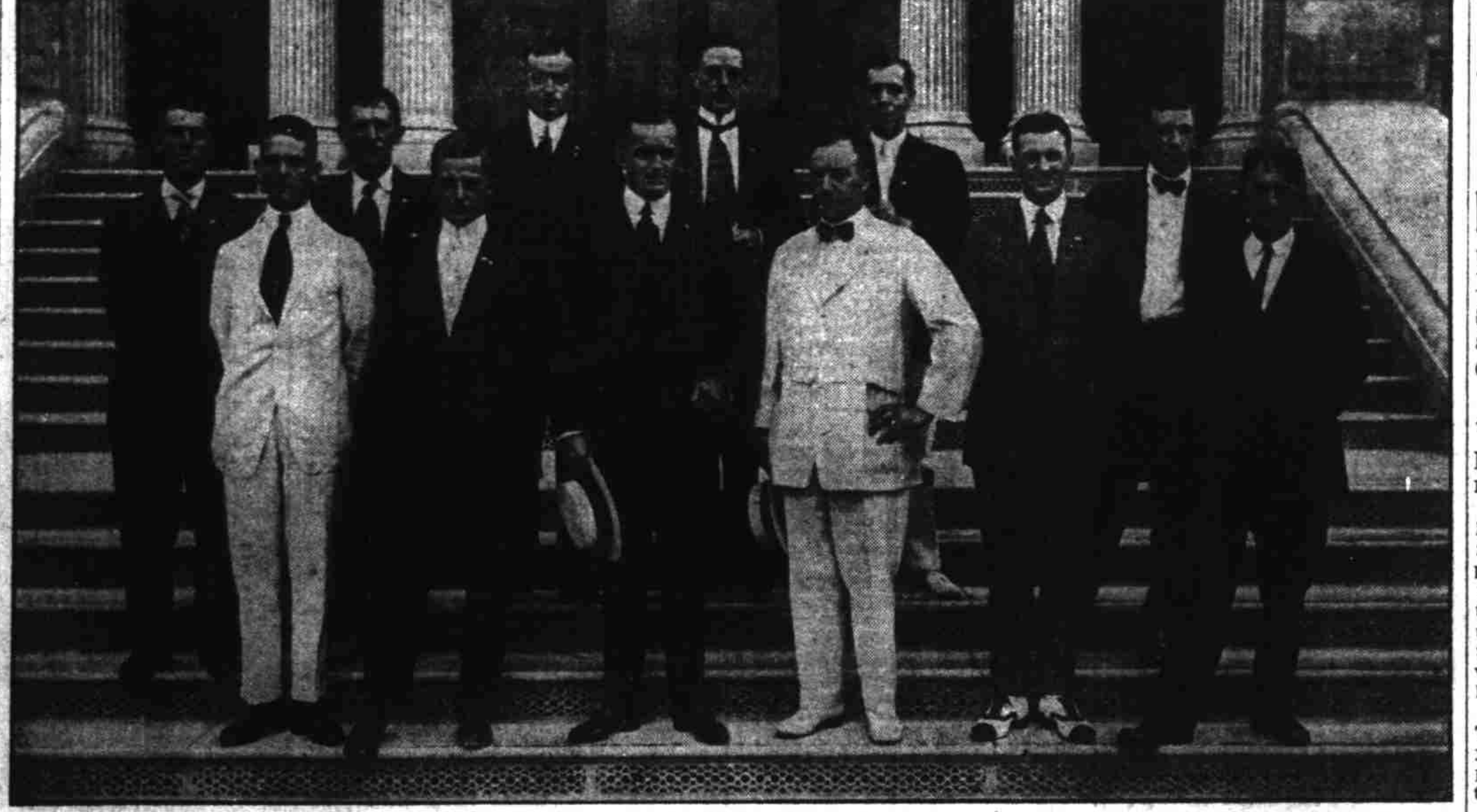
Such is the report of the passengers given today when the Makura reached Honolulu, all of whom declared that throughout the night of the terrific storm they believed the vessel was doomed, when wave after wave washed over the decks of the ship, flooding the holds, cabins and engine rooms.

For nearly three days the vessel floated at the mercy of the sea, while valiant efforts were made by the engine crew to repair the engines and get the ship under control again. Mercifully, when daylight came, after the night of the big storm, the wind had blown itself out, but it was two days more before the passengers regained their confidence.

Mute testimony of the force of the storm is shown today on the captain's deck where the planking of the surrounding structure was stove in by the waves, which went over the vessel at its highest point, all of 40 feet above the main deck. Where the planking had been crushed in or carried away by the waves, the planks have been placed, the patches of new paint showing the spots where repairs had been made.

During the height of the storm, the waves tore loose the forward hatch covering and the hold where the passenger trunks were stored was flooded. Farther aft a 20-foot wave broke upon the main deck and water poured into the cabins of the passengers. Another came overboard about mid-

Britons of Hawaii Heed Their Country's Call First Contingent Is Off For Service At Front



Left to right they are: C. Kempster, J. H. R. Bryant, G. A. Murphy, W. Brown, G. B. Marshall, A. J. Marshall, E. Farrer, H. McDougall, E. Jones, F. H. Pearson, A. A. Webster, M. C. King.

EARNESTNESS of the war with Germany was brought forcibly home to Honolulu this afternoon as they witnessed the farewell given to the British recruits by the British Club members and their friends and families at the sailing of the Makura for Vancouver.

Smiles and flowers are the tokens usually most in evidence at the sailing of ships from Honolulu, but at the departure of the Makura tears and strained countenances were significant that many of the friends of the British recruits feared they were bidding them good-bye forever, for no life is lasting in the trenches of Flanders and France.

Withal, it was perhaps this pick of Britain's young manhood in Hawaii—the first local Britons to answer the call, "Britons, Your Country Calls You"—that withstood the ordeal of the parting with greater composure than those who remained, some of whom will follow these leaders to the front in other Hawaii contingents.

To the recruits, called to the defense of the flag under which they or their fathers were born, a chance to fight for the Union Jack was an opportunity to experience the "Great Adventure," for which the youth of all lands hunger.

After reaching Vancouver the members of this first Hawaii contingent will enter the branches of the British military service to which they think themselves best adapted or trained. Some will receive commissions, others will enter aviation training camps and the balance will enlist in artillery and infantry divisions.

Among the Britishers leaving today are nearly all the nationalities of the British government. Four by birth are Americans, but recognized as British subjects because their fathers have never renounced their allegiance to Great Britain.

The recruiting of the men has been carried on under the supervision of British Consul E. L. Gordon, aided by the work of the British club members. Another contingent will be ready to sail on the next Union liner bound for Vancouver which touches at this port.

BRITISH ADVANCING AT DOUBLE QUICK ENCOUNTER TEUTONS BENT ON ATTACK

As Opposing Forces Clash One of the Bloodiest Hand-to-Hand Battles of the War Ensues, the Colonials Smashing Germans Backward, Capturing Defensive Trenches in Onward Rush

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
LONDON, Eng., Aug. 21.—Leaping from their trenches at 4:30 in the morning and advancing at a double-quick through a thick haze that enveloped the whole section around Lens, the Canadians suddenly came into contact with great grey masses of the enemy, who had planned a counter attack at the same time on the positions they had lost to the intrepid Canadians.

Then ensued one of the most bloody and sanguinary hand-to-hand battles of the war, and the British Colonials again proved that the "shock" troops of Prince Rupprecht are no match for the stalwart sons of Canada.

Within fifteen minutes the Huns had made their last stand, and were fleeing for the cover of their trench parapets, but the Canadians were not to be stopped, and speedily ousted them from their temporary security, leaving the ground covered with dead and wounded, and many prisoners in the hands of the victorious Canadians.

British aviators are harassing the Teuton lines of communication, and yesterday dropped tons of bombs on positions far behind the advanced trenches of the Germans.

FRENCH TAKE 5000 CAPTIVE IN OFFENSIVE

German Counters at Verdun
Repulsed; French Destroy
21 Teuton Battle Planes

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
PARIS, France, August 21.—Violent counter attacks were made by the Germans to the north of Verdun against the new positions held by the French, but the Germans were unable to make any headway, and sacrificed many men in their vain attempt. The French have consolidated the positions taken and in the attacks on Teuton positions yesterday captured more than 5000 prisoners.

Air battles have been frequent and yesterday 21 German battleplanes were sent hurtling to the ground and their occupants killed.

German airships in a raid yesterday bombarded a collection of German prisoners in an intern camp, and French planes raided and did considerable damage to railroad lines and munitions storage depots in Belgium.

Three strong German attacks on Cerny were repulsed with heavy losses.

FRENCH FRONT IS NOW INVULNERABLE, NEWSPAPER OPINION

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
PARIS, France, Aug. 21.—The Flamar, in an article today summarizing the efforts of the belligerents on the west front, says that "experience has shown that it is a vain hope for Germany to pierce the front which is incessantly closed at Verdun and Flanders. It is not territory rewon that counts, but the losses inflicted on the enemy."

AUSTRIANS CONTINUE TO YIELD GROUND TO ITALIAN OFFENSIVE

ROME, Italy, Aug. 21.—Continuing their great drive along a wide front of 37 miles from Tolmino to the Adriatic sea, the Italian armies are taking many prisoners, already more than 10,000 captives having been sent to the rear.

The Austrian line is beginning to feel the effects of the terrific onslaught, which is supported by monitors carrying huge guns and heavy land batteries.

BRITISH LABOR STANDS PAT ON PEACE DELEGATE

Convention After a Turbulent
Session Votes to Send an
Agent to Stockholm

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
LONDON, Eng., Aug. 21.—British labor delegates in conference here—representing two and a half million workers—today decided by the majority of 3900 to stand by their action of appointing delegates to the Stockholm peace convention.

The meeting was turbulent in the extreme, part of the delegates singing Socialist songs, while others shouted "Keep the home fires burning."

Former cabinet minister and labor leader Arthur Henderson, in a vigorous speech, defended the action of the delegates.

ASK CONGRESS TO RUSH MONEY FOR SHIP WORK

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—It was learned today that congress will be asked to rush the appropriation for the immediate expansion of shipbuilding facilities for the speedy construction of destroyers.

RUSS COMPLETE PLANS FOR BIG WAR CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
MOSCOW, Russia, Aug. 21.—Arrangements have been completed for a great national conference to be held in the state theater here on Saturday, it was announced today.

Premier Kerensky will preside at the congress, and will outline the situation in which Russia finds herself today.

U. S. TO ANSWER PEACE PROPOSAL THROUGH BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—The United States' acknowledgment to Pope Benedict's peace proposals will be sent through British channels it was learned today.

Thomas O'Neill was attacked by a man with a cane knife following a fight which arose out of a discussion of the conditions of the war Sunday morning at King street and Auld Lane. Officers M. J. Perry and Ed Rose put an end to the dispute.

ROSS ARRIVES TO COMPETE IN SWIM MEET

World's Champ Expects to Set
New Records Here in September Competition

NORMAN ROSS of Portland, Ore., world's champion swimmer and holder of scores of records, arrived in Honolulu this morning ready for competition in the big swimming meet which will be held on the harbor in September.

Ross, who is known as the "Big Moose" and "Human Tuna," is considered by many critics on the mainland to be the greatest swimmer the world has ever seen. His records from the 150 yard mark to the mile are enough to stamp the big natator as one of the real aquatic kings of the age.

Ross has many records to his credit, but most of these have been for distances over 200 yards. He holds the world's record for the 100 meters, but can hardly be classed with Duke Kahanamoku as a sprint swimmer. Ross is anxious to establish new records for the 100 yards, and has already made time around 55 for this distance.

All in all Ross is best in the distance events. He proved to be a real worker, when he swam the Golden Gate swim from a field of distance swimmers. He set a new mark in the 220, 440 and 500 all in one season, and at present lays claim to twenty-three records.

Ross said this morning that he was confident that he would be in good condition to go after new records in the big September meet. He is expected to star in the long distance events against Lady Langer and also in the back stroke, opposed to "Stubby" Kruger. Ross at present holds the record for the 50 yard backstroke.

Of particular interest at this time is the statement made by Ross this morning. He said that W. T. Rawlins, president of the A. A. U., who was sent to the mainland to secure star swimmers for the big event, never asked him to compete. He said that he was never invited to come here by the A. A. U. Furthermore the ex-

Army Recruits Afflicted With Hookworm Germ

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21.—The discovery of 47 cases of hookworm out of 75 recruits who were being examined for service with the new draft army, led to a notification being sent that all units be subjected to a prompt examination for the disease.

Fear is expressed that should any man be sent to Europe with this malady it might cause an epidemic and the medical staffs on the remaining boards are cautioned to take prompt measures to eliminate all men so afflicted.

U. S. SEAMEN COMPLAIN OF DUTCH MENUS

COMPLAINING that they had been treated abominably as third-class passengers on the Goentoe, arriving from the Orient, six American seamen this morning asked to be directed to the shipping inspector's office. They are men who went out to the Orient as sailors on the Dutch liners Randian and Vondell. One of them is a Hawaiian, James Keahinu, who intends to proceed to the coast.

The American sailors declare that they were virtually kept in the hold forward and furnished no tables or chairs from which to eat. "The food was brought into us in a big pot and we had to fish it out with our hands," the spokesman says. The delegation left the steamer and went direct to the inspector's office in the Young hotel this morning.

Because some of the sailors complained of their treatment to the Dutch agent in Hongkong, they were turned over to the police and given two weeks for vagrancy in what they term "the worst jail in the world." When others in this party reached Hongkong and started to make similar complaints it was threatened that they would receive treatment like that experienced by the other sailors.

The Goentoe has 94 passengers of all classes who are continuing on to San Francisco. She also brought a

SAMMIES IN SHAM FIGHT SHOW CLASS

Engage in Sham Battle With
Poilus Who Attempt to Cap-
ture U. S. Trenches

AMERICAN CAMP IN FRANCE, Aug. 21.—The men here are taking part in sham battles with French troops, and are quickly adapting themselves to the new form of warfare now in use in France.

American marines today fought a lively engagement with French chasers, who invaded the sea troops' trenches, many of which are named after American rivers and famous sea fighters.

The problems were worked out to afford quick reorganization after attack, and rallying for counters. The plans of the French attacking forces were known in advance, but nevertheless the poilus sprung some surprises.

Thus far the work of the artillery units has been theoretical, but the troops expect before long to have the experience of watching the effect of real artillery fire on enemy trenches.

U. S. NEED FOR RIFLES DELAYS ALLIES' SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—That our Allies who have been furnished with American-made rifles will suffer some delay in receiving added equipment is the belief expressed here among officials. It is stated there are plenty rifles for the American forces in Europe, but so many weapons are now being required in the training of the new draft armies that the supply for other nations may fall short for a time.

Chinese crew for the Solrakarta, which will sail from here to the Orient.

There is one stop-over passenger on the Goentoe, Mrs. R. de Young. Her home is in Mexico, but she boarded the vessel at Yokohama.

Rules For Members Of Training Camp

- 1. Captain Hunt, in charge of the reserve officers training camp which opens Monday at Schofield barracks, has issued the following announcement for the benefit of members of the camp:
- 1. Members should report direct at the camp Saturday or Sunday.
- 2. Report direct at the camp. Trains will stop at the camp by special request.
- 3. Bedding, trunk, lockers, mess equipment and necessary uniform will be supplied at the camp.
- 4. Members are requested to bring one uniform, sabers and pistols if they have them.
- 5. Members should not bring more than one suitcase full of extra clothing and personal articles.

COURT DECISION SENDS HONOLULU OIL TO OVER \$5

A decision from the Ninth Circuit court of appeals in the Caribou Oil case and adverse to the contentions of the government is credited with causing the sharp advance in Honolulu oil stock this morning. The Caribou Oil case is "in all fours" with the Honolulu oil situation. The same points were passed upon that are involved with Honolulu oil and the conclusion unfavorable to the government settles the case as the government cannot appeal.

The expectation of the street at the present time is that the cases against Honolulu oil are automatically wiped out and that the issuance of the patents as at one time proposed by Secretary Lane may now proceed.

Honolulu jumped to \$5.12 1/2 bid and \$5.37 1/2 asked.

On a charge of assault and battery for having attacked Francisco de Gouveia, Gregorio de Cares was arrested yesterday.

DEFENSE IN LIBEL SUIT SUSTAINED

Judge Heen Upholds Demurrer
of Advertiser in Governor's
Suit for Libel on Ground Article
Was Merely Criticism

ON the ground that the writing complained of does not import defamation on its face; that it appears to be a criticism of a speech concerning a matter of public interest made by a public official, and that there is nothing charging that the criticism insinuates dishonorable motives on the part of the defendant, Circuit Judge William H. Heen today sustained the demurrer of Roderick O. Matheson, editor of the Advertiser, to sworn information charging him with criminal libel.

Judge Heen's ruling on the demurrer is virtually a dismissal of the case, although he has granted the city and county attorney's office 10 days in which to file an amended information or take other steps which it may deem necessary. What further action is contemplated by the city attorney's office could not be ascertained today, as A. M. Brown is on another island.

Editor Matheson was arrested on information sworn to by City Attorney Arthur M. Brown, attached to which was an affidavit by Detective Harry T. Lake, charging him with criminal libel. The basis of the information was an editorial published in the Advertiser under the heading "Under What Flag?" which was a criticism of an address made by Governor L. E. Pinkham before a number of school children in the palace grounds, the gathering having been arranged to interest the children in contributing to war relief.

A demurrer was filed by Editor Matheson, the principal contention in the document being that the editorial was merely a criticism of the utterances of a public official in public office.

"In the first place, I contend that the article was not libelous," said Attorney Lorin Andrews, counsel for Editor Matheson, today. "It was simply a criticism of a public official and his public utterances, which criticism is justified under the law. In my opinion the heading 'Under What Flag?' simply asked the question, 'What is the man talking about?'"

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